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STORY SO FAR...

Dr. Eggman has unleashed a Metal Virus capable of infecting living organic matter and turning it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that can infect others and that respond only to his command. As the Metal Virus spreads, cities and heroes—including Sonic himself—have been infected.

Now, Tails finds himself in Central City, researching a cure...

...Amy organizes rescue missions from Restoration HQ...

...Sonic races to create speed data for Tails's research...

...and it all comes down to the last minute!

ROLL CALL



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



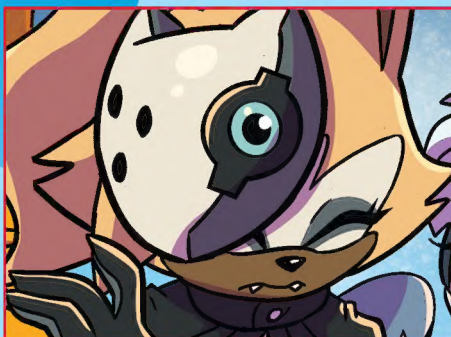
MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Elastic-tailed brawler.



WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Variable-wispon master.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-Swinging Heroine.
Restoration organizer.

TAILS'S WORKSHOP,
CENTRAL CITY.

ONE HOUR
AGO.

WHY HERE?
WHY NOW?!

LET'S CURE
THAT RUSH HOUR
GRIDLOCK WITH
DR. EGGMAN'S
PATENTED METAL
VIRUS!

HA HA
HA HA!

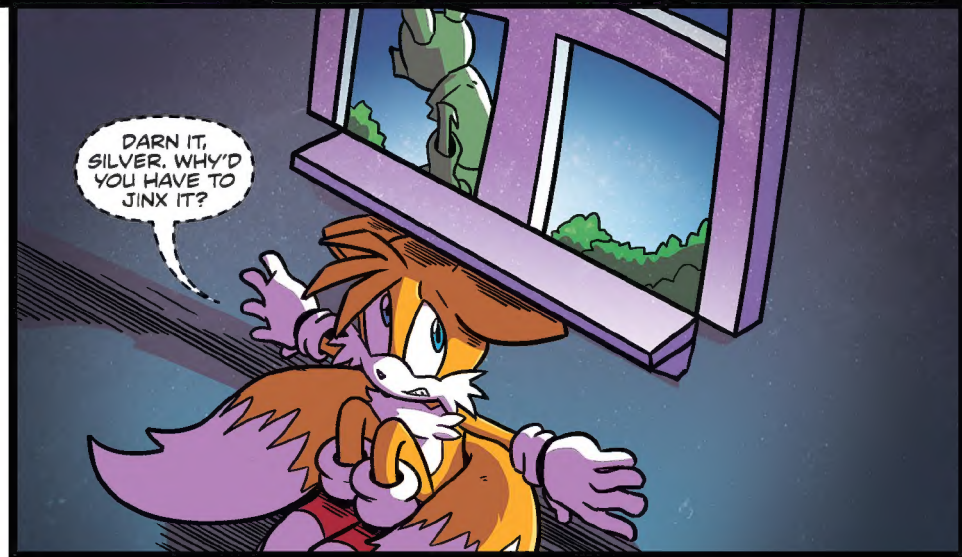
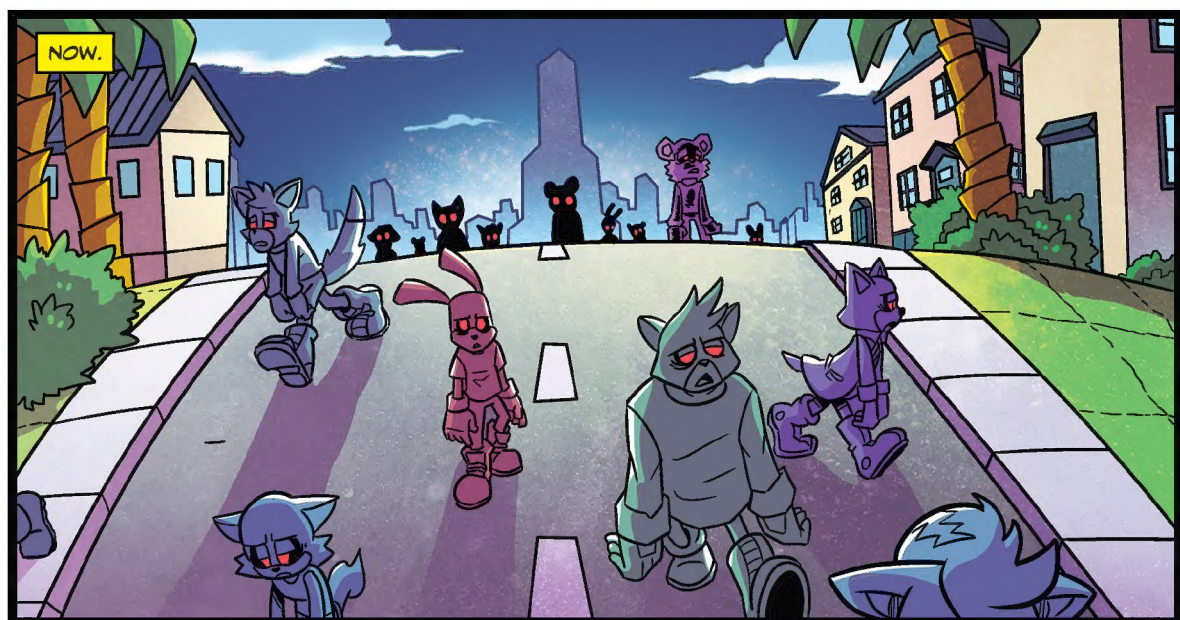
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OF PLANS!
WE'LL GET
DOWNTOWN
AND—

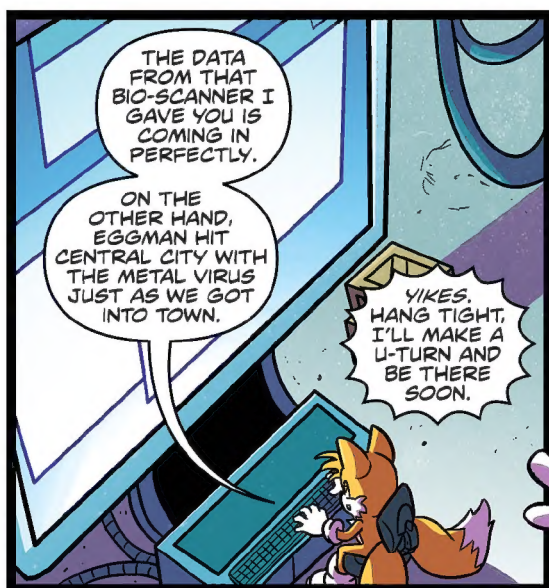
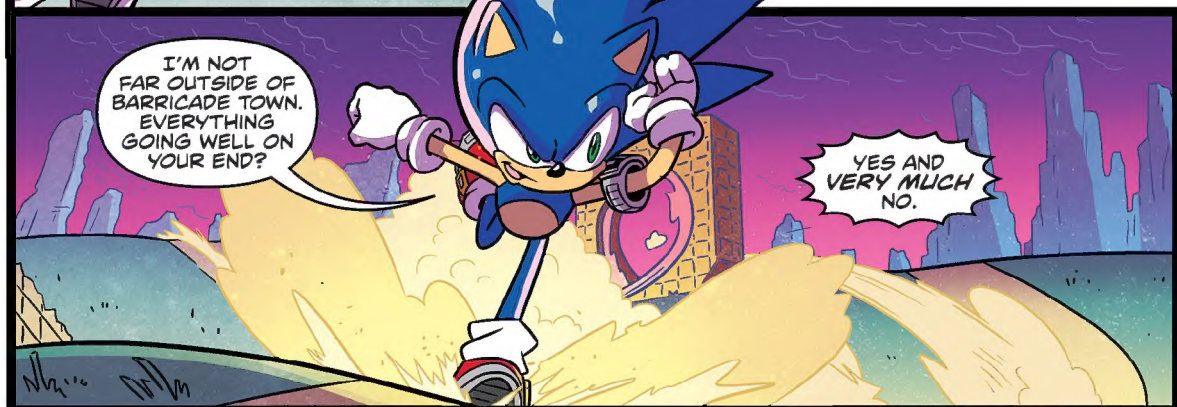
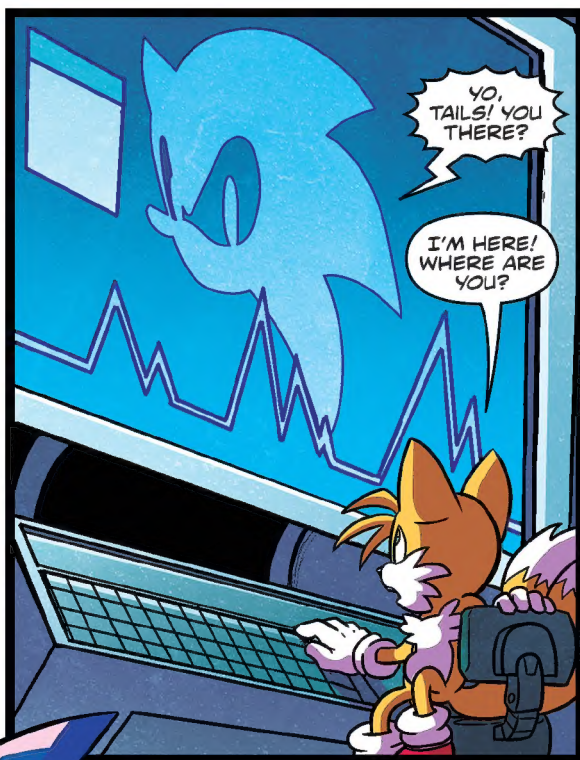
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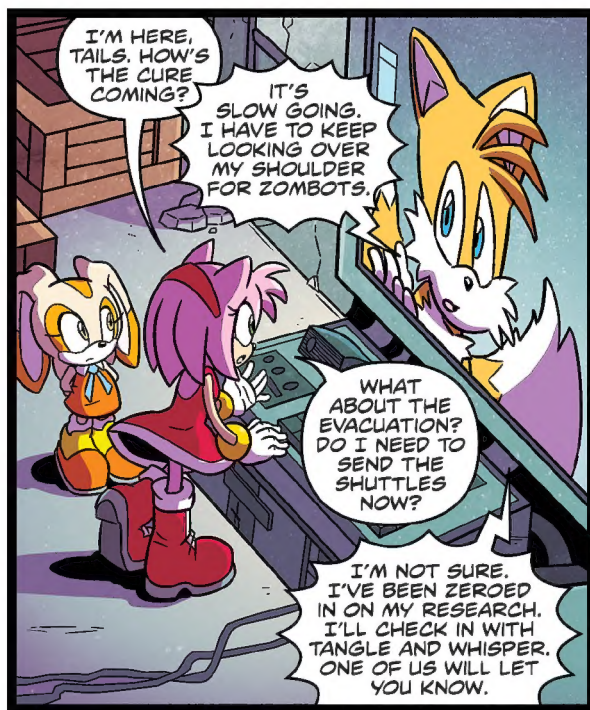
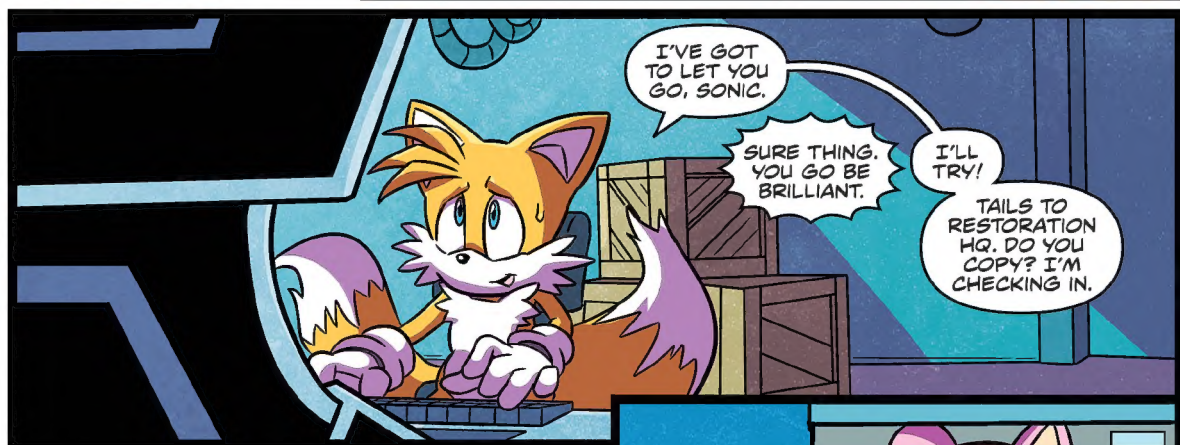
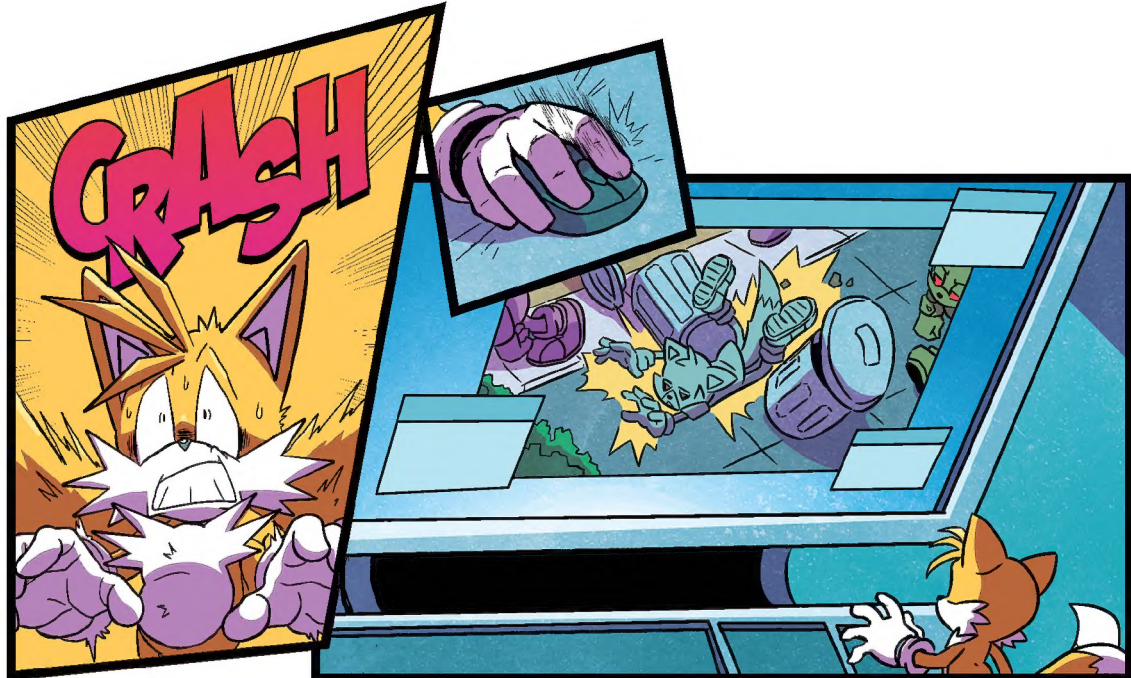
SHE'S
RIGHT. YOU'VE
GOT THE
IMPORTANT JOB
OF RESEARCHING
A CURE. WE'LL
HANDLE THE
EVACUATION.

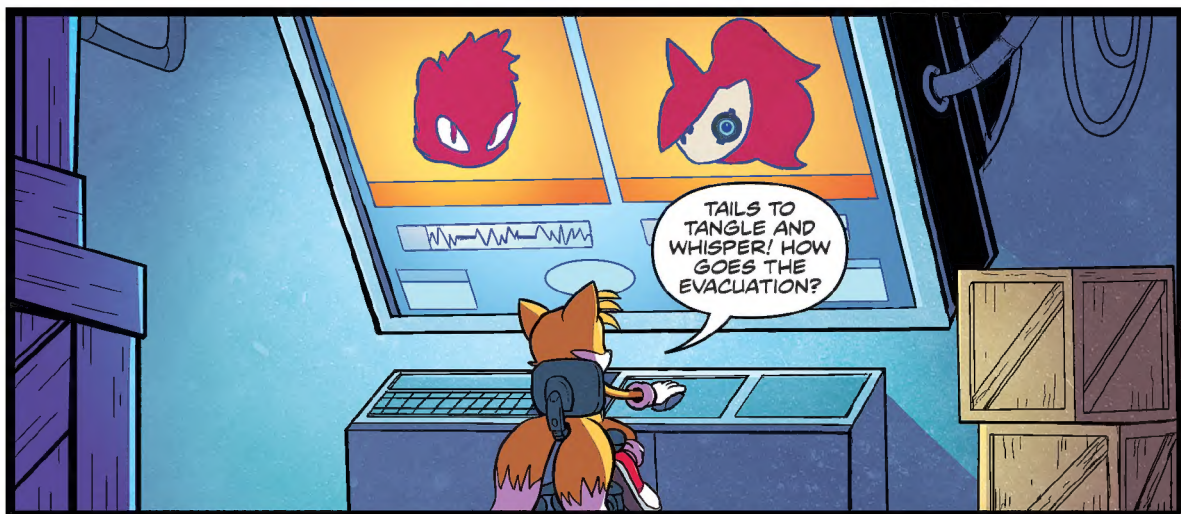
WE'VE
BECOME A
PRETTY GOOD
TEAM, AFTER
ALL!*

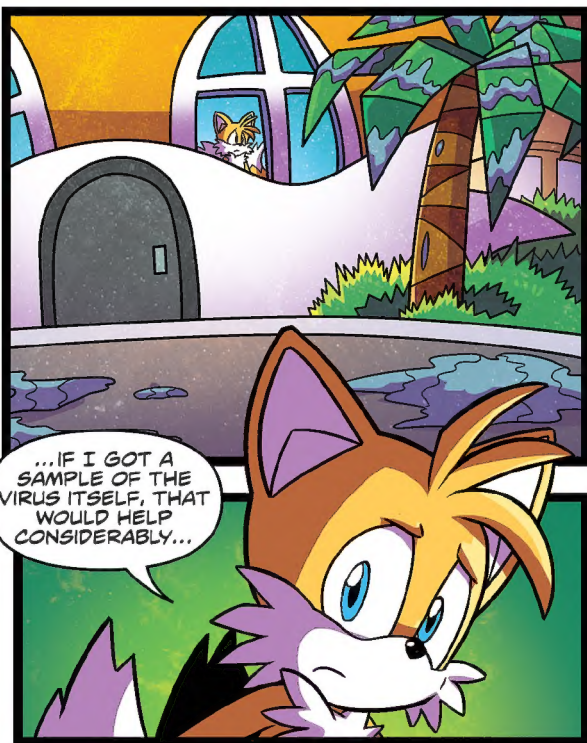
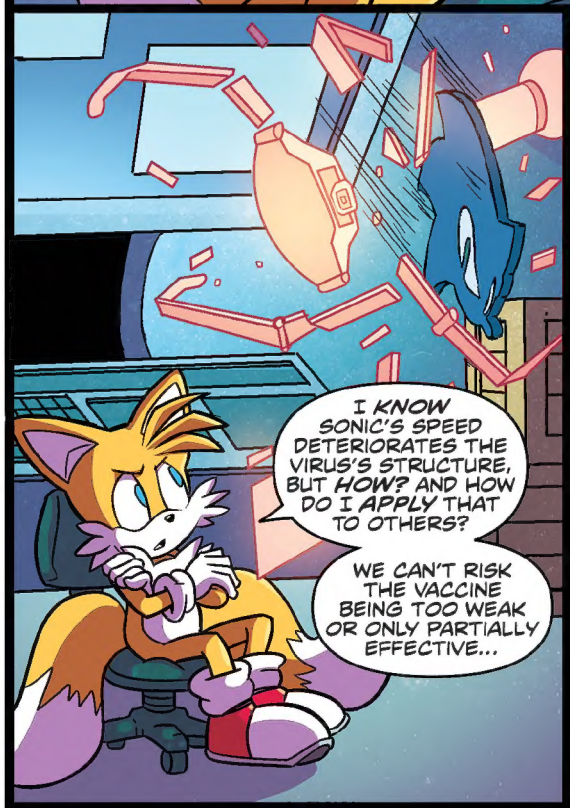
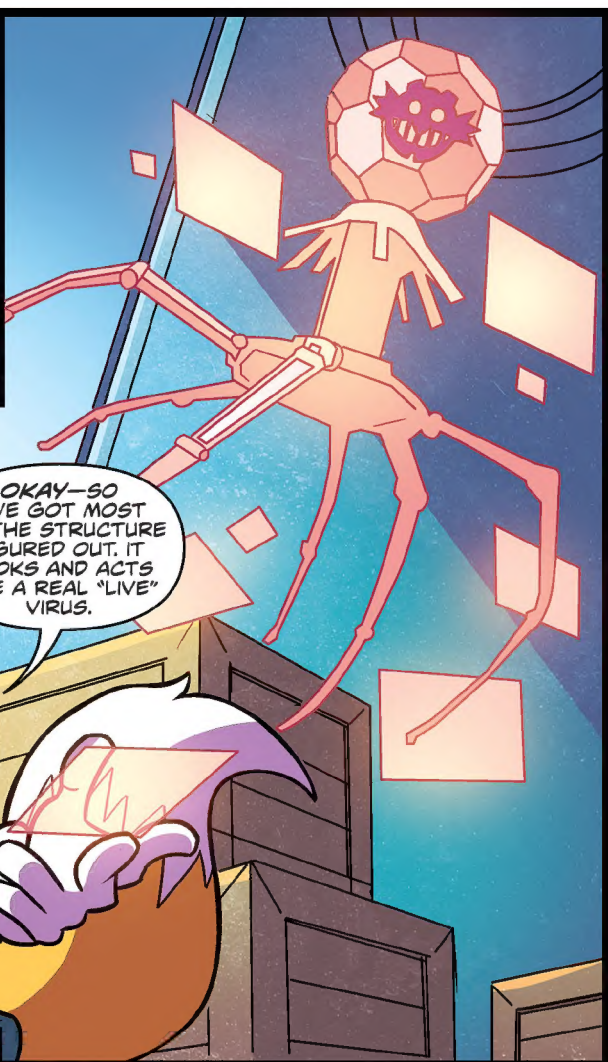
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WHISPER
MINI-SERIES.

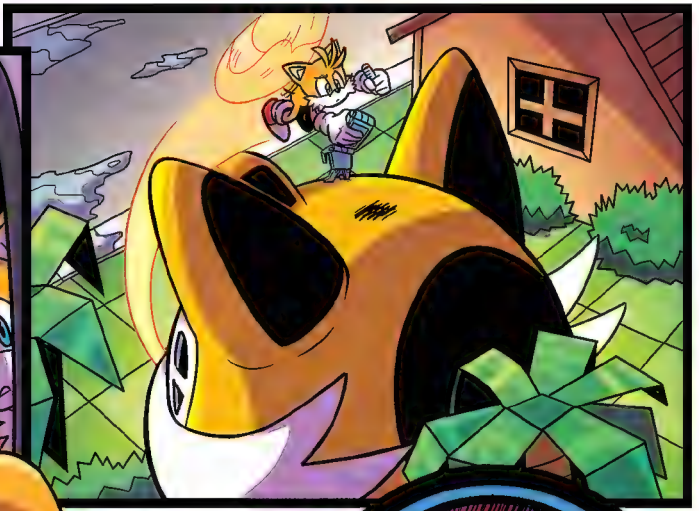








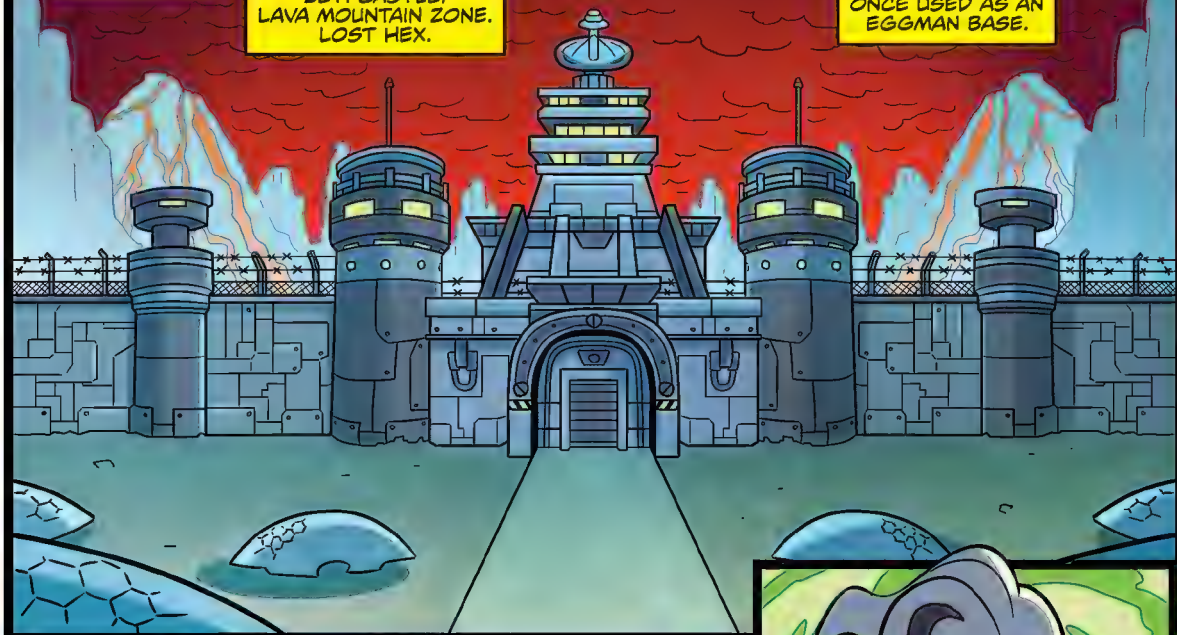




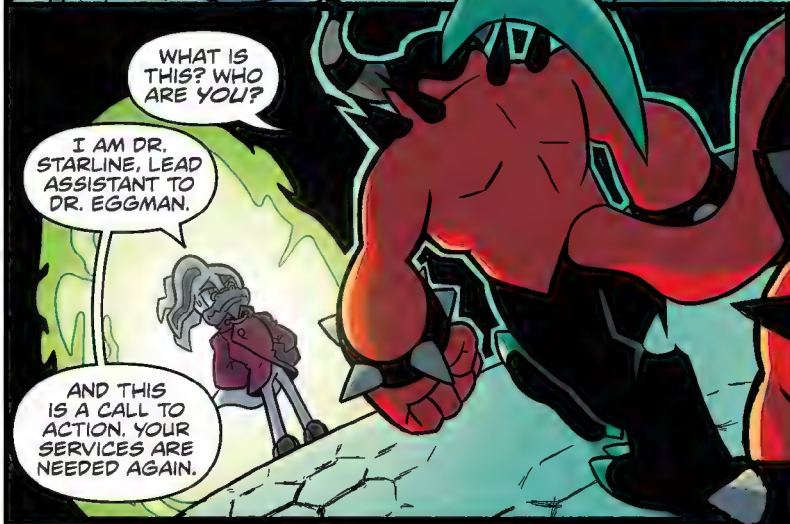
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LAVA MOUNTAIN ZONE.
LOST HEX.

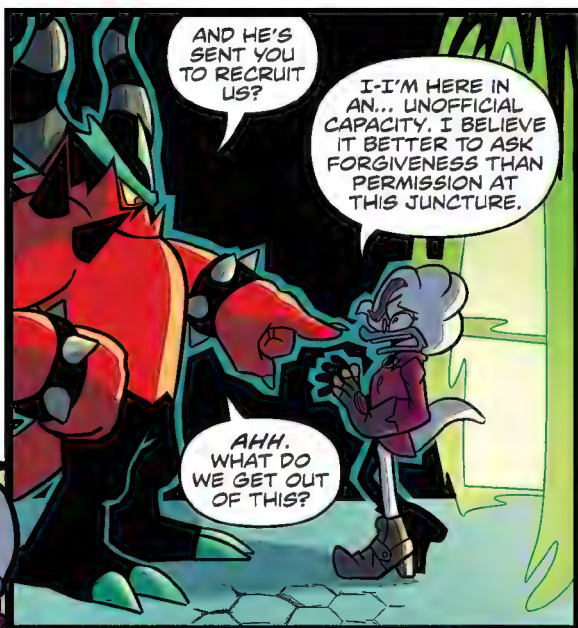
A HIDDEN WORLD
ONCE USED AS AN
EGGMAN BASE.

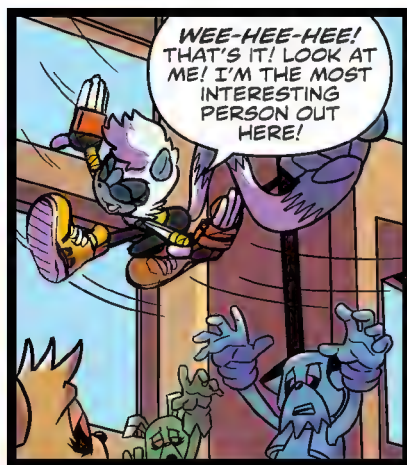


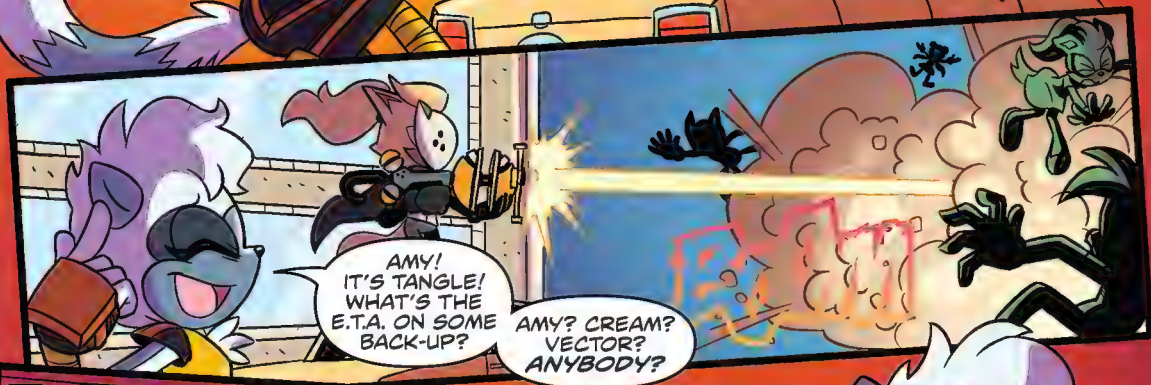
WHICH
SUITS YOU
JUST FINE,
I'M SURE.



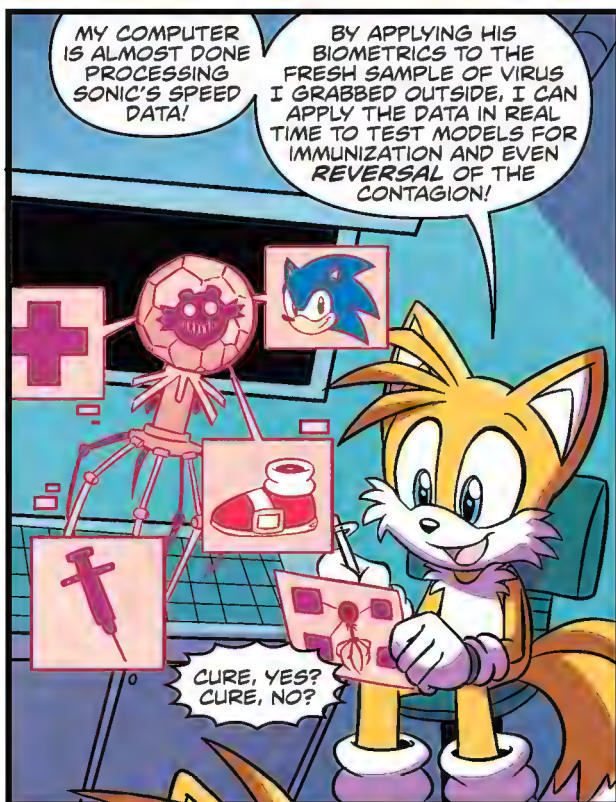
MY...
"SERVICES."

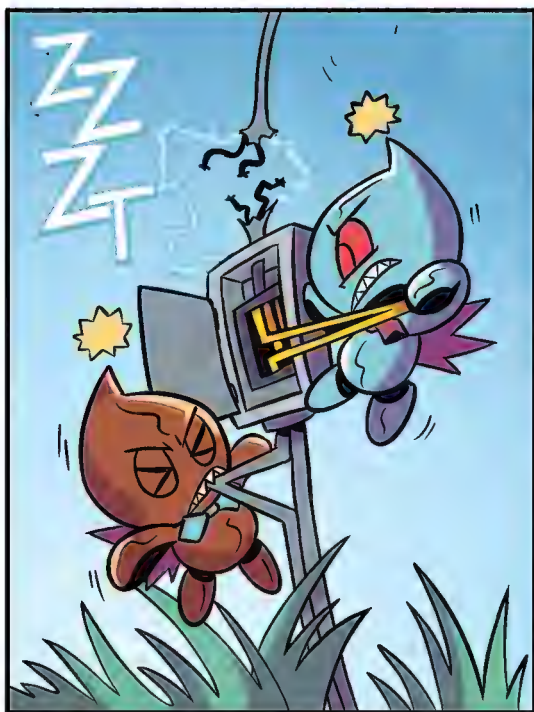
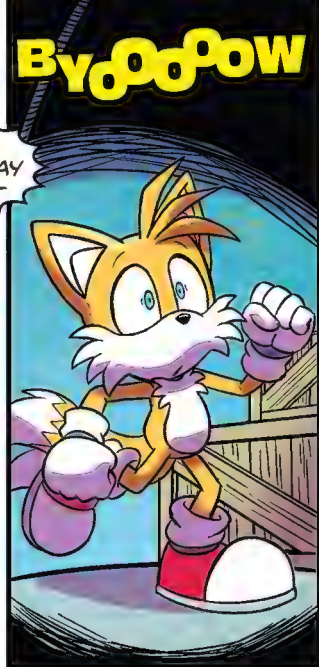


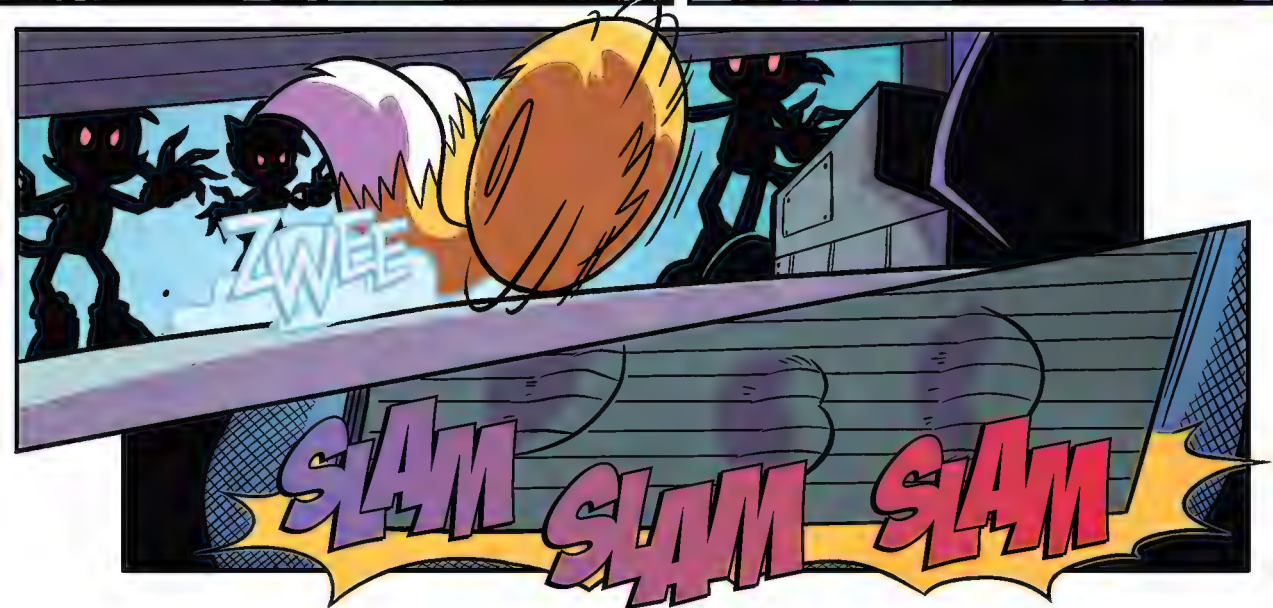


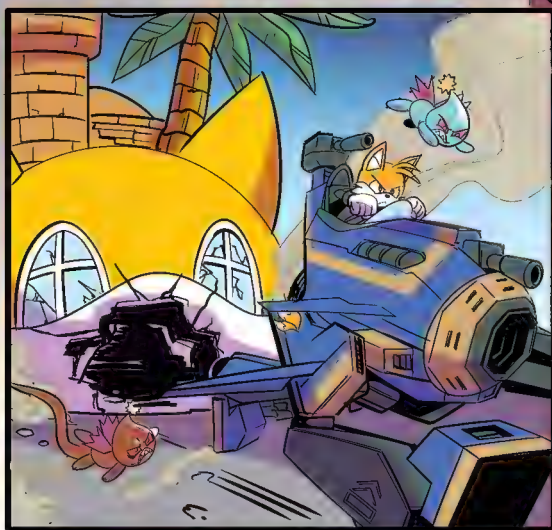


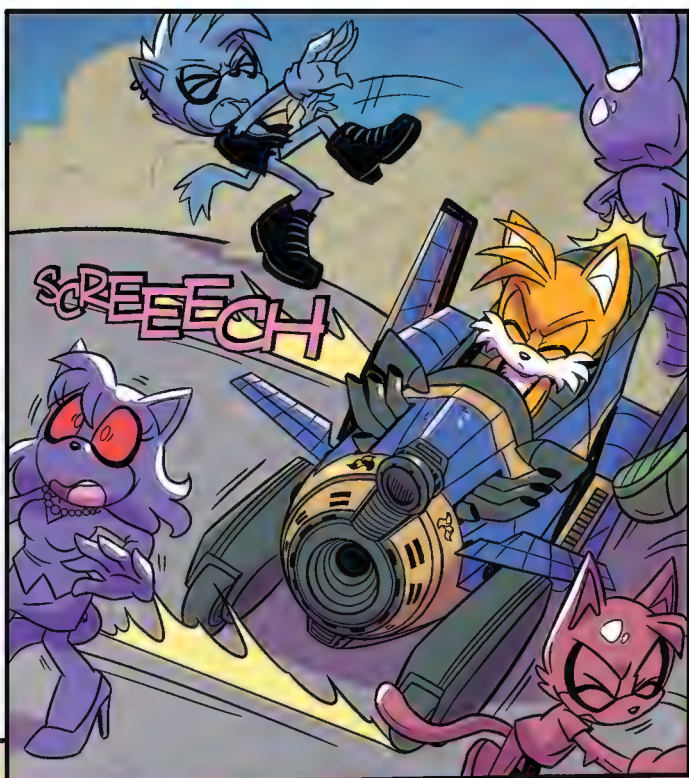




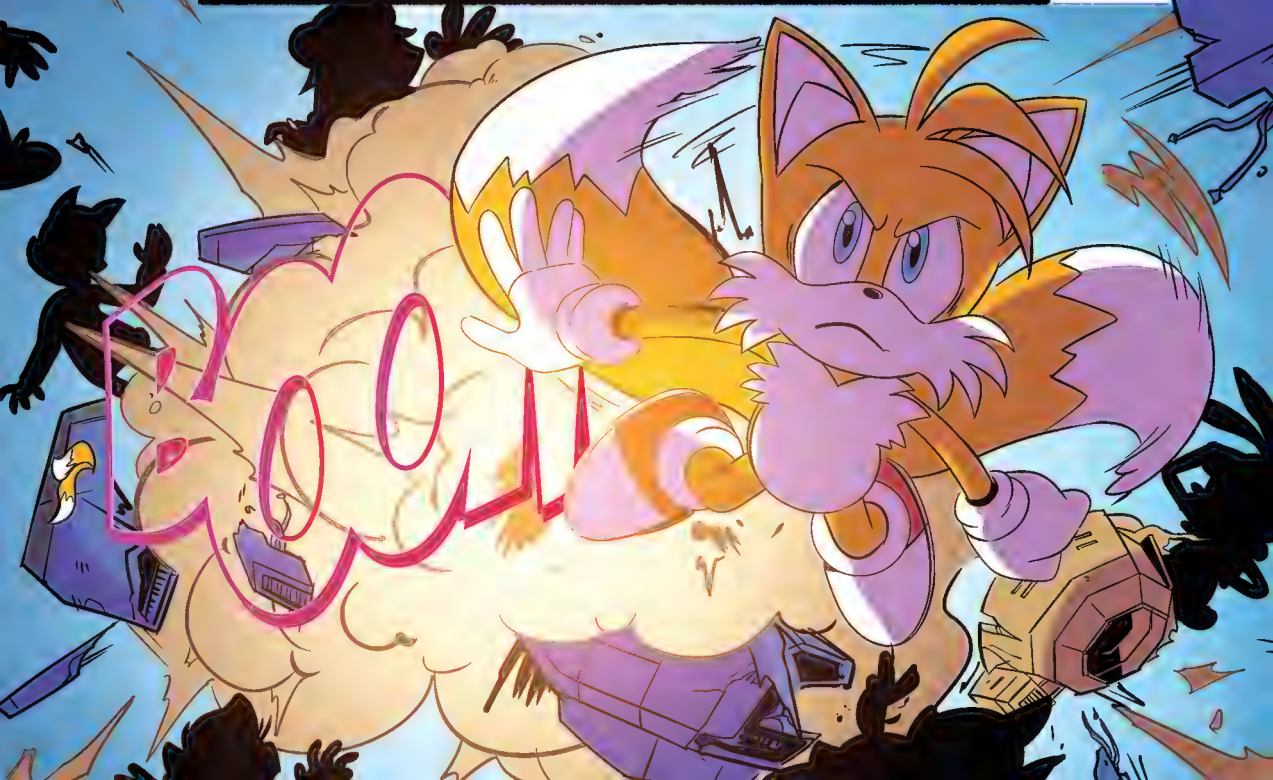
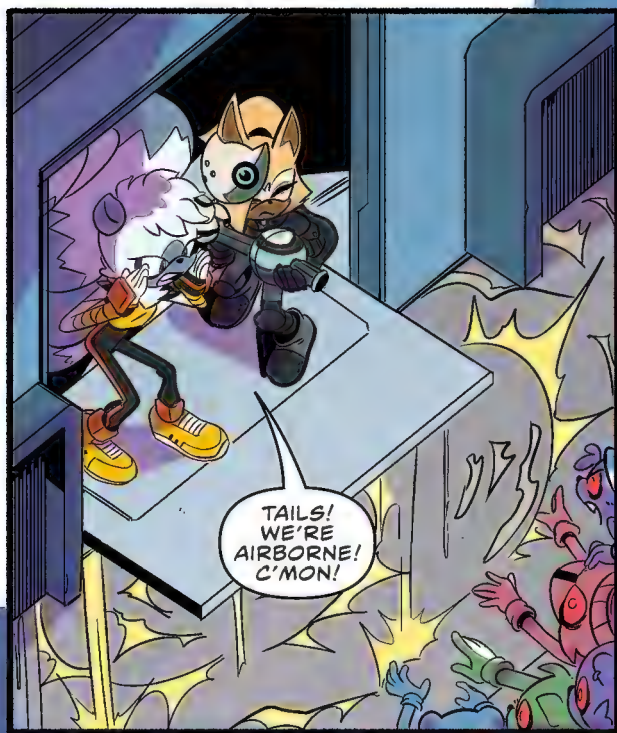


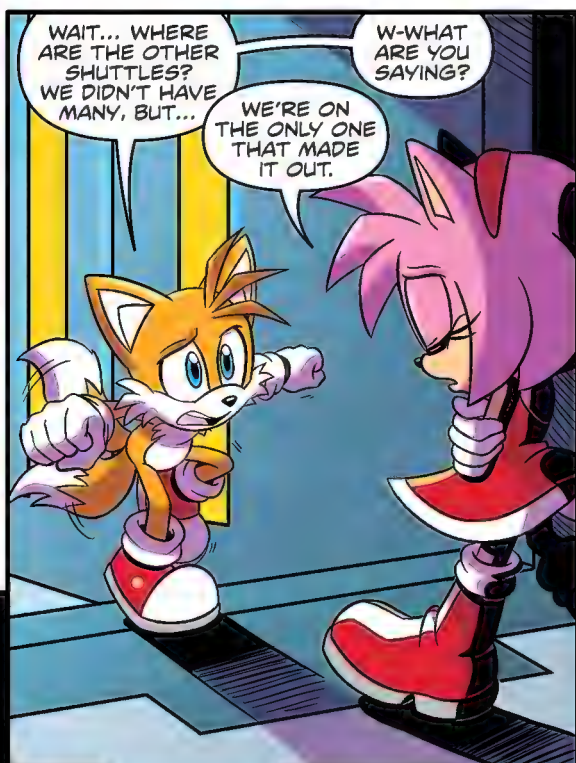














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Hello Squad! Uh-oh! That doesn't seem good! Tails didn't get the cure figured out and seems like things didn't go well at the Restoration base either.

Guess we'll find out more about that in the next issue! But for now, this was "The Last Minute, Part 1" by Ian Flynn, Lamar Wells, Reggie Graham, Jennifer Hernandez, Priscilla Tramontano, Heather Breckel, and Shawn Lee! Now, how about for the Letters Squad, we put all the letters in this issue, all the responses in the next one, and all the art in issue #23? Three corresponding issues where you need the other ones to get the full story! Okay, maybe that works for the actual comic, but we couldn't break up your awesome submissions!

Hi, my name is Donna, and my 14-year-old daughter Ely loves all the Sonic characters! She now cosplays as Sonic characters and makes her own cosplays. The first cosplay she made this year is Silver the Hedgehog. She also made Nimue, Lady of the Lake, from Sonic and the Black Knight. She won first place in the Junior Craftsmanship Competition at Cosplay America in North Carolina.



Art by Ely Archambault

Hi Donna and Ely,

Congratulations on winning first place, Ely! Taking a look at your costumes, it's well deserved! You've done a phenomenal job bringing Sonic characters to life! Thank you for sharing your amazing cosplay with us and the whole Squad is excited to see what you do in the future!

Hi my name is Lisa Pagan. I'm 13 years old. Can you please show my drawing of one of my favorite Sonic characters, Tails, because I want some of my art creations to be famous some day. And I have a comment and a question:

1. I am a #1 Sonic fan!!
2. Will Sonic ever turn into a Zombot??

Sincerely,
Lisa Pagan

Hi Lisa,

Thanks for sharing your super cool drawing of Tails! Y'know, getting your art printed in



Art by Ely Archambault



Art by Lisa Pagan



Art by Damien N.

one of the best comics around is a great start to becoming a famous artist! Think of all the people reading this and seeing your art! It's fantastic! As per your question, well, we checked in on Amy a little bit at the end of this issue, but we haven't seen Sonic in a while... let's hope he's okay, but only time (and another couple of issues) will tell if he's gone full zombot or not!

Hiya, folks down at IDW!

I'm 13 years old, and a more recent Sonic fan. Eek! I reeeeeaaaaaally love your comics, and basically re-read them everyday. Your comics have helped me improve my drawing skills, so, thank you for that. My little sister is a super big fan too. I'd have to say Silver is my favorite, but Shadow's my favorite to draw. I'd have to say that the new characters, like Whisper and Tangle, are pretty awesome, too. I decided to draw you guys a picture of Amy Rose, who's my sister's favorite.

Keep up the good work,
"Salty"

Hi Salty,

We're very glad to hear you and your sister are enjoying the comics so much and that they're helping improve your drawing skills. An old piece of comics wisdom is that the way to improve your art is to study good art and to improve your writing is to read! Clearly, you're doing a ton of both and it's

paying off with your great Amy. One last thought, when you draw Silver, do you trace your hand like you're drawing a turkey for his spines? Is that why he's so fun to draw? We mean... we've never done that in the IDW offices...

Thanks for joining us this time, Squad! Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next issue, Part 2 of "The Last Minute" follows Amy and the Restoration forces! And don't forget to pick up Sonic: Tangle & Whisper #3, also on sale this month!



Art by Salty

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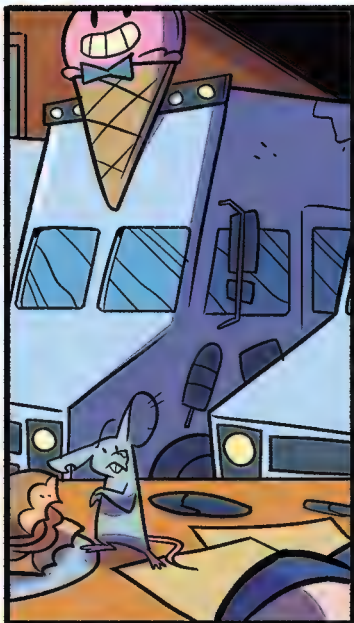
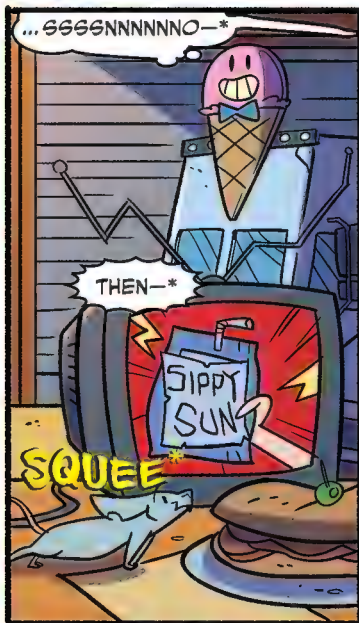
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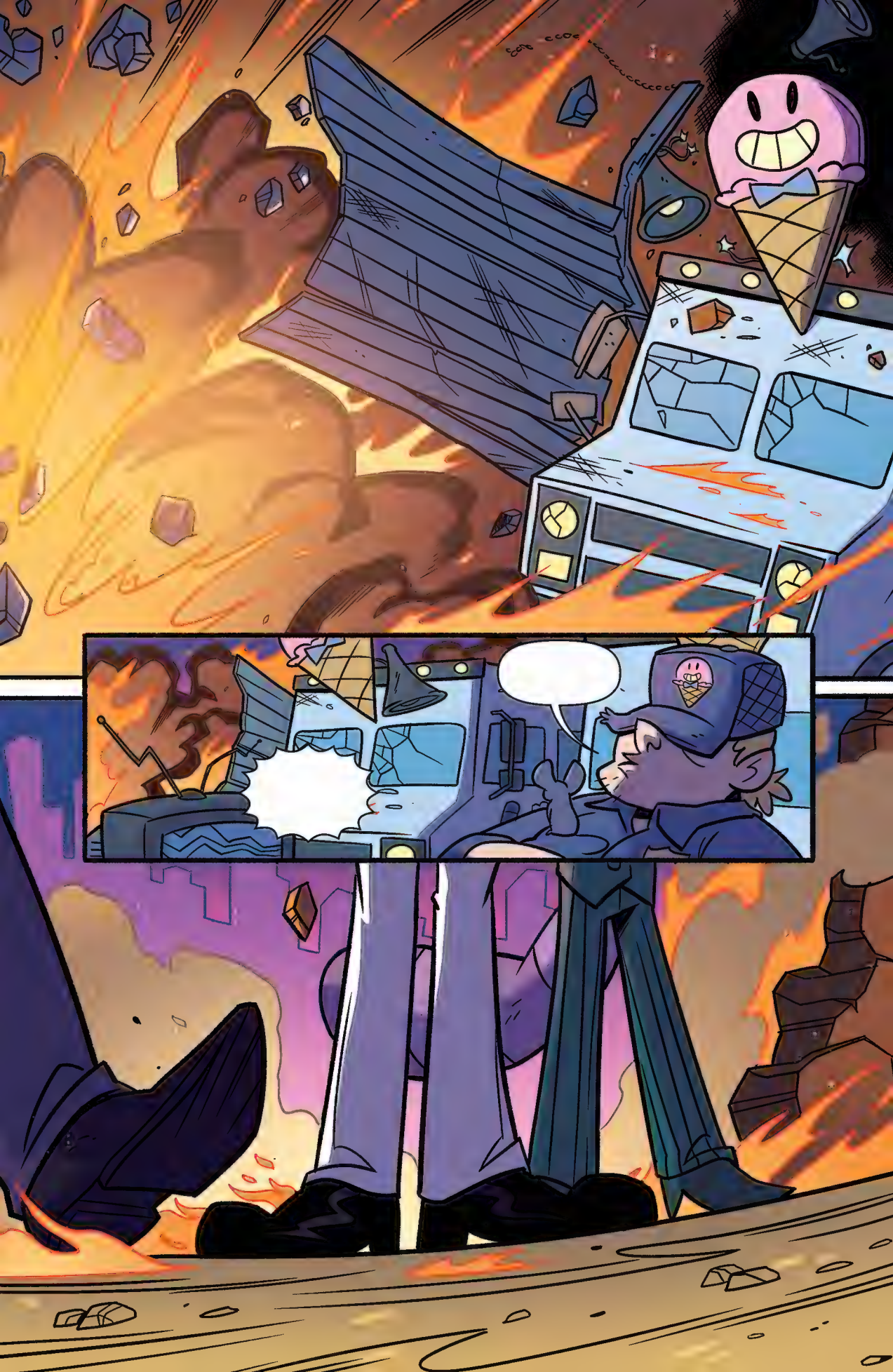
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SOUND OFF!
PART ONE





IT'S TOO
QUIET.
I DON'T
LIKE IT.



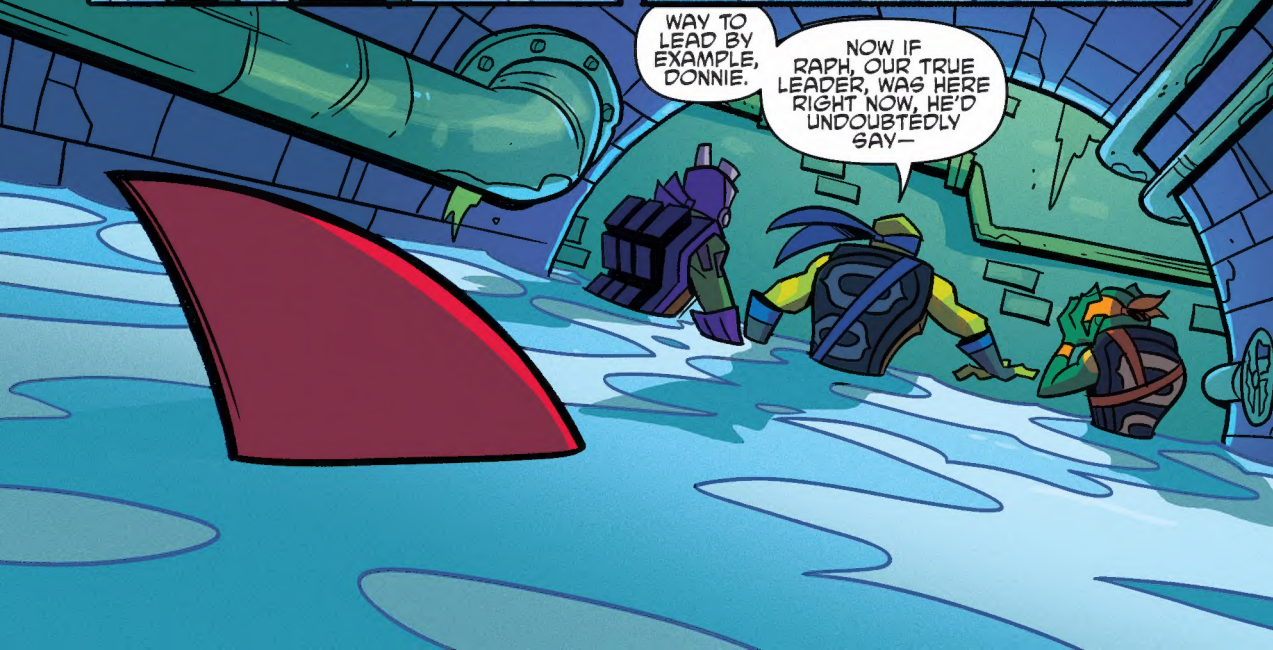
WHERE IS
HE?! I CAN'T
TAKE THE
TENSION!

JUST KEEP
YOUR COOL, MIKEY.
WE'RE IN THIS
TOGETHER. AS LONG
AS WE WORK AS A
TEAM, WE'LL—



SOMETHING
TOUCHED
MY LEG!

DON'T TAKE
ME! TAKE MIKEY
OR LEO! THEY
CONTRIBUTE
NOTHING TO THE
CULTURE!



WAY TO
LEAD BY
EXAMPLE,
DONNIE.

NOW IF
RAPH, OUR TRUE
LEADER, WAS HERE
RIGHT NOW, HE'D
UNDOUBTEDLY
SAY—

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